

Experts at these local agencies can provide information and help find resources that are right for you

**IndependenceFirst**

540 S. 1st St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 291-7520

[www.independencefirst.org](http://www.independencefirst.org)

**Best for:** All

**Center for Communication, Hearing & Deafness**

10243 W. National Avenue

West Allis, WI 53227

414-604-2200 (Voice) 414-604-7217 (TTY)

[www.cchdwi.org](http://www.cchdwi.org)

**Best for:** Hearing Problems

**Center for Deaf-Blind Persons, Inc.**

3195 South Superior Street

Milwaukee, WI 53207

414.481.7477 V/TTY/Telebraille

[www.deaf-blind.org](http://www.deaf-blind.org)

**Best for:** People who have both hearing and vision problems

**Vision Forward Association**

912 N. Hawley Road

Milwaukee, WI 53213

(414) 258-9200 Toll Free (877) 258-9200

[www.vision-forward.org](http://www.vision-forward.org)

**Best for:** Vision Problems



**Milwaukee County  
Department on Aging**

1220 W. Vliet St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53205

414 - 289 - 6874

Toll free: 1- 866-229-9695

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# Tools for Independence

## Assistive Technology



## *A Guide for Older Adults*

## Let Technology give YOU a Helping Hand



Disability is simply a limitation in ability to do something you need to do in your daily life.

Limited ability can come from birth, accident, illness or simply effects of aging.

EVERYONE, can make life easier with technology.

## Assistive Technology means:

### Products and Devices

*To help people live independently and well*

AND

### Services

*To help people with disabilities and their caregivers choose, get and use assistive technology*

***Confused about options?***  
**ASK**  
**the local experts!**



### READ - WATCH - TAKE A LOOK

Reading machines, electronic readers, talking clocks/watches, calculators, braille

devices, magnifiers, book holders, page turners, large button phones, speaker phones, large print books, taped/audio books, etc.

### HELP FROM GIZMOS GADGETS AND GEAR

Self-help items for those who need help with daily tasks like dressing, eating, cooking, and personal care.

### SWITCH ON - GET OVER - UNDER - AROUND

You can get controls and switches for appliances and lights, ramps elevators, lifts, or find out about other home modifications to help people stay at home.

### MAINTAIN YOUR COMFORT ZONE

With specialized furniture, writing aids, seating and lighting and items like arm/wrist/back supports that reduce stress on joints.

### LISTEN UP

There are listening devices for TV, phone and even movies in a theater, text devices for phones and TV, light signals to alert you to doorbell, phone etc. These items are for both deaf AND hard of hearing.

# Turn can't do into CAN DO!

### HAVE FUN

Sports aids, toys and games, travel aids.

### GET OUT AND ABOUT

Stay mobile in your home and away with scooters, wheelchairs, driving aids, devices to help you get in and out of bed, bath, chairs and more.

### STEP LIVELY - BE STRONG

Replacement, substitution or help for missing or non working body parts with artificial limbs, splints, braces, supports etc.

### TAKE A SEAT

Adapted/modified seating, cushions, wedges, lumbar supports, wheel chair modifications, seat lifts, pressure monitors etc.

### LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

People with speech and writing problems can use communication boards, speech synthesizers, text-to-speech software and more.

### GET ON LINE

People who can't use a computer because of vision, hearing or mobility or other problems can get special keyboards, pointers, touch screens, screen readers and more.

